WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   1.   A method of automatically reestablishing a call placed by a
2   mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications
3   network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the method
4   comprising:
5   detecting that said call has been dropped;
6   determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by
7   said RF communications network; and
8   responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically
9   reestablished by said RF communications network, a mobile switching
10 center ("MSC") of said RF communications network reestablishing said call
11 between said mobile unit and said called party.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises
2   determining whether said call was placed to an emergency number.

1   3.   The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises
2   determining whether said called party is an emergency operator.

1   4.   The method of claim 1 wherein said reestablishing comprises
2   said MSC dialing back said mobile unit.

1   5.   A mobile switching center ("MSC") for automatically
2   reestablishing a call placed by a mobile unit operating within a radio
3   frequency ("RF") communications network to a called party connected to a
4   public switched telephone network ("PSTN") after said call has been
5   dropped, the MSC comprising software instructions executable by said MSC
6   for:

7. detecting that said call has been dropped;

8 determining whether said call is to be automatically reestablished by

9 said RF communications network; and

10 responsive to a determination that said call is to be automatically

11 reestablished by said RF communications network, reestablishing a

12 connection with said mobile unit, thereby to reestablish said call between

13 said mobile unit and said called party.

1 6. The MSC of claim 5 wherein said software instructions for

2 determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said

3 call was placed to an emergency number.

1 7. The MSC of claim 5 wherein said software instructions for

2 determining comprise software instructions for determining whether said

3 called party is an emergency operator.

1 8. The MSC of claim 5 wherein said software instructions for

2 reestablishing comprise software instructions for causing said MSC to dial

3 back said mobile unit.

1 9. Apparatus for automatically reestablishing a call placed by a

2 mobile unit operating within a radio frequency ("RF") communications

3 network to a called party after said call has been dropped, the apparatus

4 comprising:

5 means for detecting that said call has been dropped;

6 means for determining whether said call is to be automatically

7 reestablished by said RF communications network; and

8.   means responsive to a determination that said call is to be

9   automatically reestablished by said RF communications network for

10   reestablishing said call between said mobile unit and said called party.

1   10.   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said means for determining

2   comprises means for determining whether said call was placed to an

3   emergency number.

1   11.   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said means for determining

2   comprises means for determining whether said called party is an emergency

3   operator.

1   12.   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said means for reestablishing

2   comprises means for dialing back said mobile unit.

1   13.   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said called party is connected

2   to said RF communications network via a public switched telephone

3   network ("PSTN").